

Activity

Keeping a diary with words

- Let your child have a notebook of his/her own.
- Have your child draw a picture of what he/she did that day.
- Let your child write words that go with the picture (lunch, outside).
- Help your child write a sentence about the picture (I ate lunch outside today.).
- The letters don't need to be perfect and invented spelling is OK.
- Date it.
- Look back at the pictures and read what your child wrote.



Hints



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To help your child succeed, you can:

- Give your child different things to make pictures with (finger paints, stamps, stickers, cut-out pictures).
- Take photographs.
- Set the same time everyday for your child to draw.
- Draw with your child.
- Help your child write words on his/her drawings.
- Let your child pretend to write by scribbling lines across the page.

To make this activity more challenging, you can:

- Have your child read his/her sentence back to you.
- Ask your child open-ended questions about his/her drawing (What did you do in the sandbox?).
- Help your child date his/her drawing.

